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THE THING THAT WALKS LIKE A MAN!

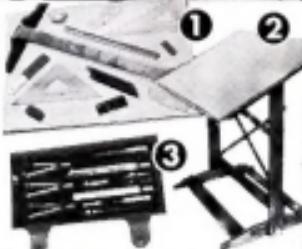


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"Steadily growing employer requirements... were accompanied by marked reductions in the supply of draftsmen available."

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(1) High School
Draftsmen

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① Architectural Drafting

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Big Promotion!

"I'm 18 years old and I am the manager of 20 people in the Drafting Room. Thanks for making this possible." E. C., Mass.

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In centuries agone, they called the Golem a myth, a creature formed of stone and clay and from the blood of a people's oppression—a moving monolith who rose before the yoke of tyranny—shattered it in his monumental *Gata*—then vanished into the sands of time—there to be almost forgotten—until today!

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NIGHT ON THE DESERT:
FALLEN LIKE A BLACK
CURTAIN AND SHARP
WITH THE SHELL OF
DEATH...

DEATH BROUGHT HERE
BY...

THE GOLEM!

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LOOK, JASON--LOOK
AT HIS EYES! CAN'T
YOU SEE SOMETHING
FAMILIAR?

THERE'S A
TWINKLE AT
THE CORNERS
OF HIS EYES--

--JUST LIKE MY
UNCLE ABRAHAM
HAD--BEFORE THE
SOLDIERS
MURDERED
HIM!

IT WAS JUST
AFTER HIS
DEATH THAT
THE GOLEM
APPEARED--AND
KILLED THE
SOLDIERS!"

COULD IT
BE...THAT
MAYBE
PROFESSOR
ADAMSON'S
SPIRIT IS
WHAT
BROUGHT
THE GOLEM
TO LIFE--

--AND NOW
INHABITS THE GOLEM?
PERHAPS, DARLING...
ONLY--MY UNCLE WAS
A GENTLE MAN.

HE WOULD
NEVER HAVE KILLED
ANYONE--NOR WISHED
A DEATH--EVEN OF
THE ONE WHO
MURDERED HIM!

BUT THE
GOLEM...KILLED.

LAST ISSUE!
--RASCALLY ROY

YES, HONEY--
THIS GOLEM IS
A MAIS OF
CONTRADICTIONS!

I WONDER
WHAT THE REAL
STORY IS?

'I REMEMBER WHEN WE
DISCOVERED THE GOLEM, IT
SEEMED NO MORE THAN A
STATUE TO MOST OF US--

"...BUT PROF. ADAMSON BELIEVED IN THE OLD LEGENDS THAT SAID THE GOLEM WAS ONCE ALIVE, IN PRAGUE, AND HAD BEEN A PEOPLE'S PROTECTOR THERE."

"AND WHEN HE'D FOUND THE CREATURE, AFTER YEARS OF SEARCHING, WELL... THE PROFESSOR WAS PROUD AND AWED!"



"...ONLY HIS BOUNTY HAD NO SUCH CIVILITY! ONE OF THEM MERCILESSLY SHOT Prof. ADAMSON DOWN..."



"...PERHAPS HE READ FROM THE ANCIENT SCROLLS HE POSSESSED IN A FRANTIC ATTEMPT TO REVIVE THE GOLEM..."



"BUT THEN THE SOLDIERS CAME, DESERTERS FROM THE NEAR-BY WAR!"

"THEIR LEADER, COLONEL OHAIR, HAS A DESPERATE THIEF BUT DEFERENTIAL NONTHELESS..."



"COLONEL OHAIR SCREAMED IN RAGE AT THE SHOOTING - BUT THE DEED HAD BEEN DONE..."



"...SO WE WERE TAKEN AS HOSTAGES AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT REPRISALS."

"I CAN ONLY GUESS AS TO WHAT HAPPENED... PERHAPS THE PROFESSOR WAS NOT DEAD... PERHAPS HE CRAWLED TO THE STATUE..."



"...MAYBE HE EVEN CHANCED UPON ANOTHER WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE CREATURE..."



"...SOME WAY TO TOUCH THE GOLEM'S INNER BEING..."





BIG JIM'S

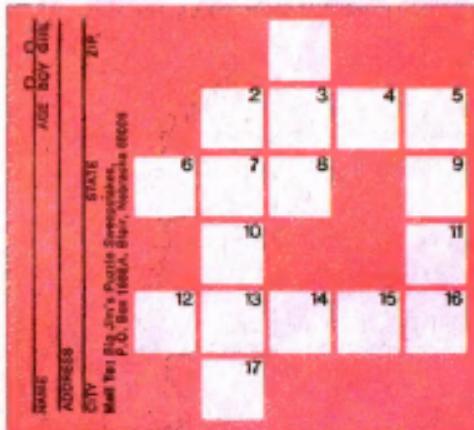
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HIM-- HE REMINDS
ME OF A YOUNG
CHILD SOMEHOW--
WHO'S ACTED WITHOUT
REALIZING THE
DESTRUCTION HE
COULD BRING...

...BUT WITH
THE HIGHEST
OF GOOD
INTENTIONS!



THEN... IT'S NOT MY
UNCLE WHO'S... "INSIDE"
THE GOLEM-- UNCLE
ABRAHAM'S SPIRIT MUST
HAVE BEEN ONLY THE
CATALYST THAT
BROUGHT HIM TO LIFE!
I SUPPOSE THEN
THAT UNCLE ABRAHAM
COULD FORGIVE THE
GOLEM'S BLOODY REVENGE
--AND SO MUST WE!"

BUT WHAT
DO WE DO WITH
THE GOLEM,
BOY?

UNCLE ABE
WANTED TO TAKE
HIM TO HIS
UNIVERSITY--DO
YOU THINK WE CAN,
Y'KNOW, PERSUADE
THE GOLEM TO
COME WITH US?



ALMOST AT THE YOUNGSTER'S
WORDS, THE GOLEM'S HOODED
EYES BEGIN TO DROOP...

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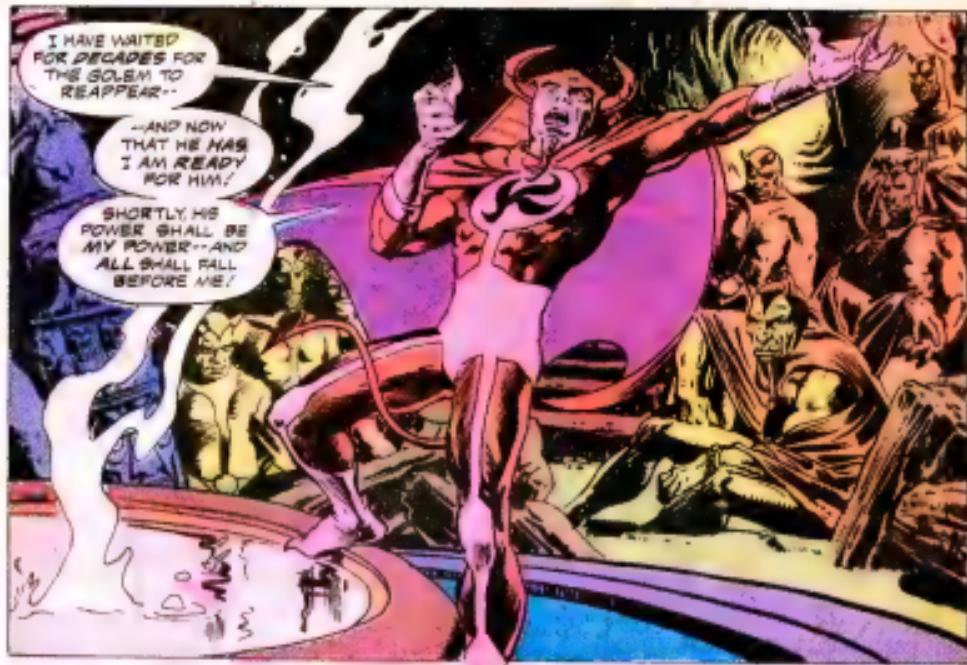
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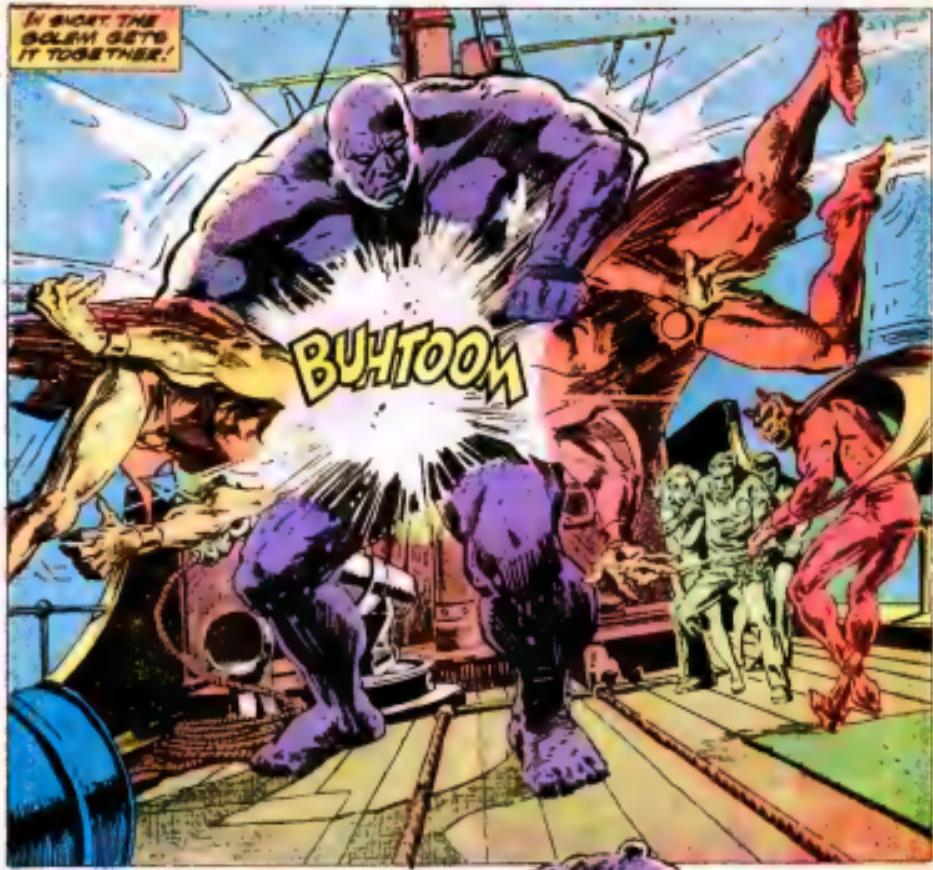








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LETTERS TO THE GOLEM

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Dear Marvel,

First of all, I would like to congratulate you on the beginning of a fantastic series. The Golem is a truly novel character and should be a big seller.

Len Wein's script was good, but it contained one serious flaw. According to Jewish legend, to bring the Golem to life, the word "emeth," which means "truth," must be written on its forehead. To stop a golem, the first letter must be erased, leaving "meth," which means "he is dead." Another legend says that a special amulet must be placed around the Golem's neck. To stop said Golem, simply remove the amulet. The script contained neither of these life-giving formulas.

Of course, that John Buscema's art was great, goes without saying. Seeing the name Buscema on a story means the best can be expected.

Before I leave, I have one question. Did anyone on the staff see the movie "Der Golem," produced by Paul Wegener, who also starred as the leading character, before you produced this story?

Thank you for your time.

Don Vaughan

201 South B St.

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You're welcome, Don. Thank you for the interesting letter.

We wouldn't be at all surprised to learn that editor Roy Thomas or scripter Len Wein was familiar with the film you mentioned, as both are monster-movie buffs of the first magnitude, but their inspiration for this series was drawn from the original legend, not from any filmic incarnation of the Golem.

As for the methods of bringing the Golem to life that you cited...being the swell-headed boozes that we are, we decided to alter the legend (which by definition, of course, is alterable; legends are not fact) to suit our own purposes. We didn't wish to use the amulet bit, since we already have a well-known Zombie (Simon Garth in our TALES OF THE ZOMBIE black-and-white chiller) whose curse derives at least in part from the Amulet of Damballa that hangs around his withered neck. And Dr. Strange has the all-seeing amulet-eye of Agamotto...and we figured that was enough amulets for any one comics company. Likewise,

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YOU WILL SOON LEARN ALL THESE THINGS, LOUIS; BUT NOW I MUST GET OUT OF THIS PEST HOUSE!

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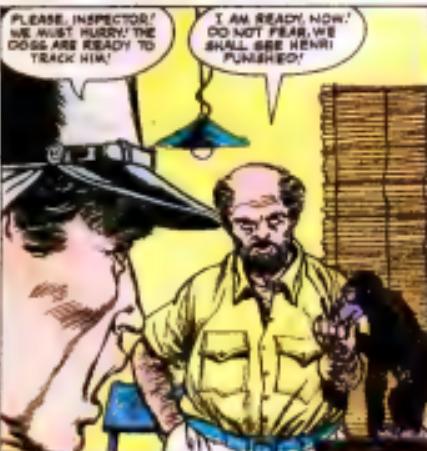
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Excelsior!

ITEM: Hmmm. Looks like Smiley just about said it all already. Still, if there's any doubt that the whole wide world is becoming Marvel-conscious, the following fistful of personalized mini-items ought to erase 'em once and for all. To wit:

ITEM: First off, our own Rascally ROY THOMAS — who still manages to write a comic-mag or three a month, in between his ever-burgeoning editorial duties — was recently awarded an Alfred by the first International Comic-Strip Congress at Angoulême, France. (The "Alfred" after whom the coveted prize is named is a precocious penguin who appears in a French comic-strip.) The award was given to Roy as best comics writer in a foreign language. Sheesh! And here all these years he thought he was writing in English!

ITEM: We neglected to mention it in the rush of other epoch-making events of the past few months, but Green Magazine, one of the better-known rock magazines now on the stands, has been reviewing comics for some time now. Naturally, we don't exactly concur in all of its erudite evaluations, but we salute them for applauding the recent efforts of STARLIN, ENGLEHART, and MILGROM on mags like MASTER OF KUNG FU and CAPTAIN MARVEL. 'Course the titanic trio have moved on to conquer new worlds since then — but whenever they pop up, either separately or in tandem, you can bet the result'll be well worth anybody's two bits!

ITEMS: The nominations for the annual Awards given out by the Academy of Comic-Book Arts have been announced and, while we don't have room to sandwich 'em all in here, suffice it to say that the misions of Marvel were not exactly overlooked this time around. To

name just a couple of categories, two of the Best-Continuing-Feature nominees were CONAN and TOMB OF DRACULA, while both CONAN and DR. STRANGE tales were nominated for Best Story. Likewise, both Judo JIM STARLIN and Kilarian KLAUS JANSON are up for Outstanding New Talent — while the illustrious names of MARIE SEVERIN, MIKE PLOOG, LARRY HAMA, and BOB FOSTER make the list of Best-Humor-Penciler nominees read virtually like the table of contents of CRAZY Magazine! As usual, we'll give a full unfeffeted list of the winners in a month or two, in one of our sittin' letters columns. So keep watchin', hear?

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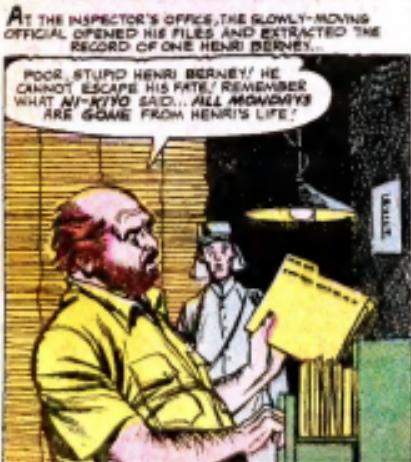
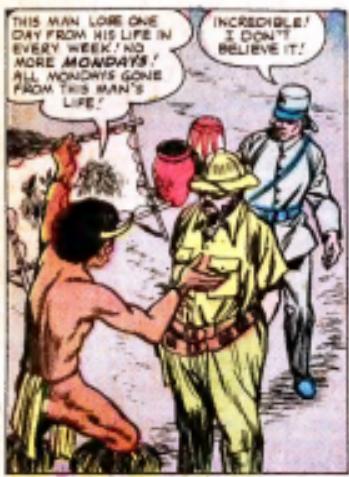
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since we wanted to bestow a human intelligence on our Golem, we chose to have Professor Adamson give up his life to instill a life-force in old Stone-face. And, too, there was all that symbolism inherent in the Professor's tear falling on the Golem's foot...!

So we did what we did for a reason.

Anyway, we're glad you enjoyed the tale, and here's hoping you're enjoying this issue equally.

Dear Marvel,

A letter of comment on your newest sensation....the Golem! A fantastic origin issue, well-drawn, well-written, and exceptionally well-presented. But there's one thing wrong here, though. The overused bit where a man loses his life to enter the body of the thing he has spent most of his life searching for. It's happened too many times to count. If the hint in the last panel is what we think it is, then old Uncle Abe has entered the body of the Golem. Or maybe just Abe's life-essence has entered the gargantuan body, not his thoughts. Let's hope it's the latter of the two, please?

All in all, there was much enjoyment to be derived from STRANGE TALES #174. Please keep the great team of Len Wein and John Buscema on GOLEM. John is simply great!

A Jewish hero who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Firsts? Until Doc Doom rusts over...MAKE OURS MARVELL!

Tim Fish

R.R. #1

Paint Lick, Ky. 40461

Gordon Abney

R.R. #3

Berea, Ky. 40403

Unfortunately, Tim and Gordon, neither Len nor John was able to remain on the book, but we trust you're pleased with the present scripting by Mike Friedrich and the outstanding artwork of Luis Dominguez. We think this new team is headed for great things.

About the Uncle Abe/Golem relationship...you'll have to wait and see what we have in mind. Again, we think you're going to be pleasantly surprised.

Dear Marvel,

STRANGE TALES #174 was well-drawn and well-written. Technically, I liked it. Technically, I like all Marvel comics, because I like studying them. I am however, rather anxious that the argument you presented in this issue is cheap propaganda.

The argument starts with your saying that there are two sides in the Arab-Israeli war. You say neither side is right or wrong; you merely assert there are two sides. Then you throw the spotlight on specific people. The first person you tackle is the brilliant Jewish professor; also, in this same light, you show his dedicated American helpers. Opposed to them are the deserting, lowest-form-of-life Arab soldiers. Then the obvious happens. The bad succeed for a short time, but they are completely subjugated by the clean white light of the Golem. I wonder what black ol' Leila would say about the avenging white versus the base black.

What I object to is your taking the political argument between the Arabs and the Israeli and turning it into a question of good or evil. The reason I object to this is that it is the same argument Hitler used to exterminate the Jews. It is the same argument Stalin used to subjugate the people of the Soviet Union to the yoke of the Communist Party's dictatorial monolith.

As a whole, I liked the comic. But I disliked the message. For the message is slightly different from the impartial political handwashing it began as. I would be happy to defend my views about propaganda. Therefore, I would like to see this printed.

Bohdan Chomisk

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We're not sure how Webster's would define "propaganda." Bohdan, but our working definition is: a program or publication which presents only one side of an issue without allowing for dialogue or expression of opposing viewpoints.

In other words, the publication of your letter in itself proves that STRANGE TALES is not an organ of propaganda for anyone. We intend to see that it remains that way.

Regarding the Arab-Israeli conflict...there are almost as many differing viewpoints on the question as there are people, and that's true in the Marvel Bulletpen, too. We have at least one Catholic who's entirely pro-Israel...one Jew who wants both sides to blow themselves up and let the rest of the world alone...and several people of varying faiths who support the Arab position. There is no one Bulletpen position on the issue. We're a true collection of individuals up here.

The Arab deserters were used as the villains in S.T. #174 because they were the only opposing force who would logically be there! Israeli deserters would never have been found on Arab ground for obvious reasons. And if we'd had a second menace come springing up out of the sand, we strongly suspect we would've been chastised for lack of realism.

No propaganda was intended, nor should it be inferred. "Nuff said!"

Just a final reminder that our own Raucally Roy Thomas will be the major comic-book Guest of Honor at the star-studded San Diego (California) Comics Convention over the long weekend of July 31-August 5. A couple of others you might've heard of are gonna be Guests of Honor as well, including Charles ("Peanuts") Schulz, Milt ("Steve Canyon") Caniff, Gene ("Star Trek") Roddenberry, and fantasy author Ray Bradbury—just so you shouldn't get lonely.

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